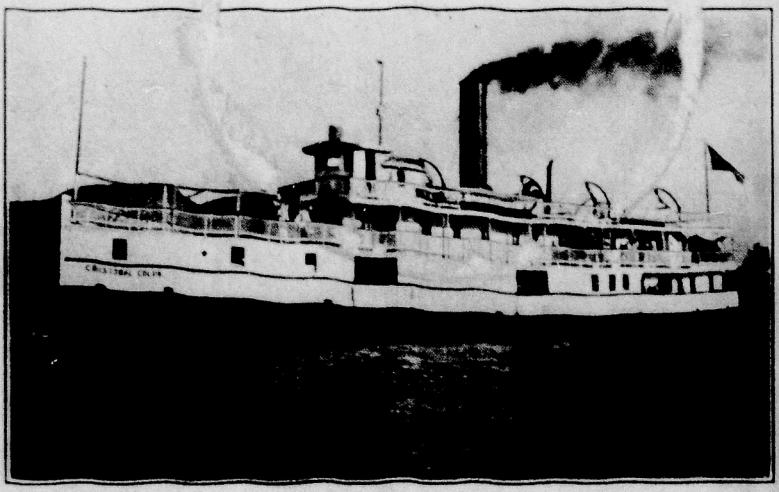
ISLE OF PINES

WEST INDIES



STEAMSHIP "CRISTOBAL COLON"

Havana to Isle of Pines

Via

Batabano

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ISLE OF PINES STEAMSHIP CO.
Nueva Gerona
ISLE OF PINES, W. I.
1922-1923

THE ISLE OF PINES lies in a deep bight off the south coast of the western end of Cuba. Its principal port, Nueva Gerona, is 90 miles distant in a direct line from Havana, the main traveled route being via United Railways to Batabano, thence by steamers of the ISLE OF PINES STEAMSHIP CO. to the Island. The trip is a most delightful one. The short railroad journey is through an interesting bit of rural Cuba where, in the winter months during the sugar cane harvest, thousands of ox teams, often 4 yoke to the team, are employed in hauling the cane loaded on two-wheeled carts. Many of these carts can be seen at the railroad stations along the way. Sugar has been the dominant crop in Cuba since the end of the 18th century.

The sea trip on the Caribbean, famous in history and legend, takes you among innumerable verdure-clad keys that fringe the Island. The view from the deck of the boat as it passes Columpo mountain and enters the Casas River is altogether enchanting and will long live in your memory.

The island is 34 miles from north to south and 43 miles from east to west; area 986 miles or 631,040 acres, nearly the size of the land surface of the state of Rhode Island. In general, the surface of the island is rolling,

Fourth of July Celebration, Nueva Gerona

from 50 to 250 feet above sea level, and made picturesque by low, verdure-clad mountain ranges that rise abruptly from the plain. Some of these mountains contain vast deposits of fine marble of various colors. A large quarry is now in operation and is making shipments to the Havana market. Iron ore and other valuable minerals have been discovered and preparations are being made for large mining operations.

The Isle of Pines takes its name from the pine trees that cover the northern part of the island, being interspersed with the beautiful royal palm tree that waves aloft its green fronds like giant ostrich plumes. Other tropical trees of many varieties are here, but the pine and the palm predominate in the northern part of the island, while on the south coast are immense forests of many varieties of valuable hardwoods, including large areas of cedar and mahogany.

CLIMATE

The climate of the Isle of Pines is officially described as "delicious, the air pure and balmy and, notwithstanding the island is surrounded by water, it is considered dry. The winds coming from the sea and passing over the pine forests are gentle and invigorating". The fact is, the climate of the island is among the healthiest known. Although south of Cuba its temperature is lower on account of the gentle breezes, which are always blowing. From all parts of Cuba as well as

Canoeing on an Isle of Pines River

from the United States, invalids come to be cured by the pure air and beneficial waters of its springs and rivers.

MINERAL SPRINGS

The mineral springs, for which the island has a world-wide reputation, are remarkable, judging from official and individual certification as to curative properties, and results of the waters, especially in rheumatic and throat affections. A chemical analysis shows the water to be impregnated with oxygen and carbonic-acid gases, chloride of sodium, sulphate of lime, carbonate of lime, iron, magnesia, chloride of calcium, nitrate of lime, and silex. Temperature of water 82° to 89° F.

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

The Isle of Pines is fast becoming one of the important citrus fruit and winter vegetable sections of the world. The rain fall is ample and frost is unknown. Thousands of acres are already under cultivation in grapefruit, oranges, peppers, egg-plant, potatoes, onions, watermelons and many other products. Grapefruit ripens and reaches the northern markets two months ahead of Florida when there is practically no other grapefruit on the market, and when prices are high. Shipments of winter vegetables begin in the month of December, when there is practically no competition. Hundreds of thousands of crates of

Looking for hidden treasures of former pirates

fine grapefruit, peppers, egg-plant, besides a quantity of other vegetables were shipped to the northern markets during the 1921-1922 season. Double the acreage of winter vegetables will be planted for the 1923 season. Also many acres of pineapples are now being planted.

Havana, with a population of nearly 500,000 is a splendid nearby market for Isle of Pines oranges, watermelons, vegetables, poultry and eggs. Dealers pay cash for these products delivered at the steamship dock in the Isle of Pines. Shipments go forward to Havana on nearly every boat and returns are highly satisfactory.

Oranges for the Havana market do not have to go through the packing house. They are simply picked from the trees and put into washed fertilizer sacks and delivered at the steamship dock in the Isle of Pines. Come down, Mr. Poultryman, Fruit and Vegetable Grower, and establish yourself and make money and be happy.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT

The Island was discovered in 1493 by Christopher Columbus on his second voyage to the new world. It remained under Spanish rule until the Spanish-American War in 1898. In the treaty that was signed at Paris between the United States and Spain, all the islands in the West Indies owned by Spain were ceded to the United States except the Island of Cuba to which Spain relinquished all claim, the idea being that Cuba was to become

Fishing party returning from trip to the South Coast

independent. Subsequently Cuba laid claim to the Isle of Pines but the Island was expressly omitted from the constitutional boundaries of Cuba in the following words: "The Isle of Pines shall be omitted from the proposed constitutional boundaries of Cuba, the title thereto being left for future adjustment by treaty". As yet no treaty has been acted upon by the United States Senate. In the meantime a Republican form of government has been administered by Cuba similar to that of the United States.

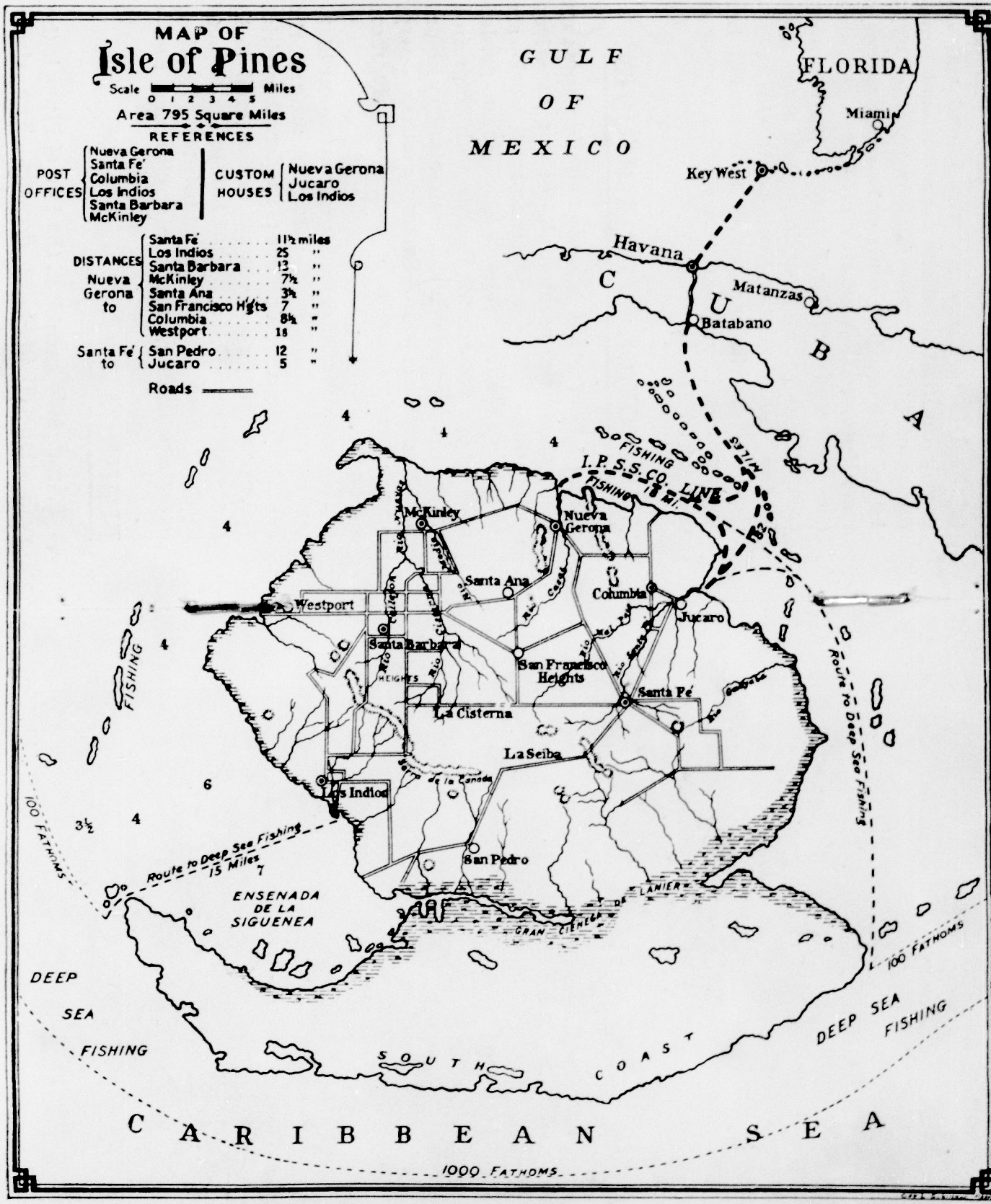
ATTRACTIONS FOR TOURISTS

The Isle of Pines is one of the few spots on earth where the great faults of our American civilization—worry and incessant work—are not conspicuous. The island is a garden spot where flowers fill the air with fragrance, where the nerves are not continually whipped by atmospheric changes into restless energy and where men live more calmly, more rationally.

The magnificent calzadas (government highways) afford delightful motoring around the island. There are excellent, modern hostelries where the visitor's comforts are catered to in metropolitan fashion. Surf bathing is enjoyed to the fullest extent in midwinter. Boating, horseback riding, mountain climbing and—

FISHING

Piscatorially speaking, the Isle of Pines is the realization of life-long dreams. The rivers


MAP OF
Isle of Pines
Scale Miles
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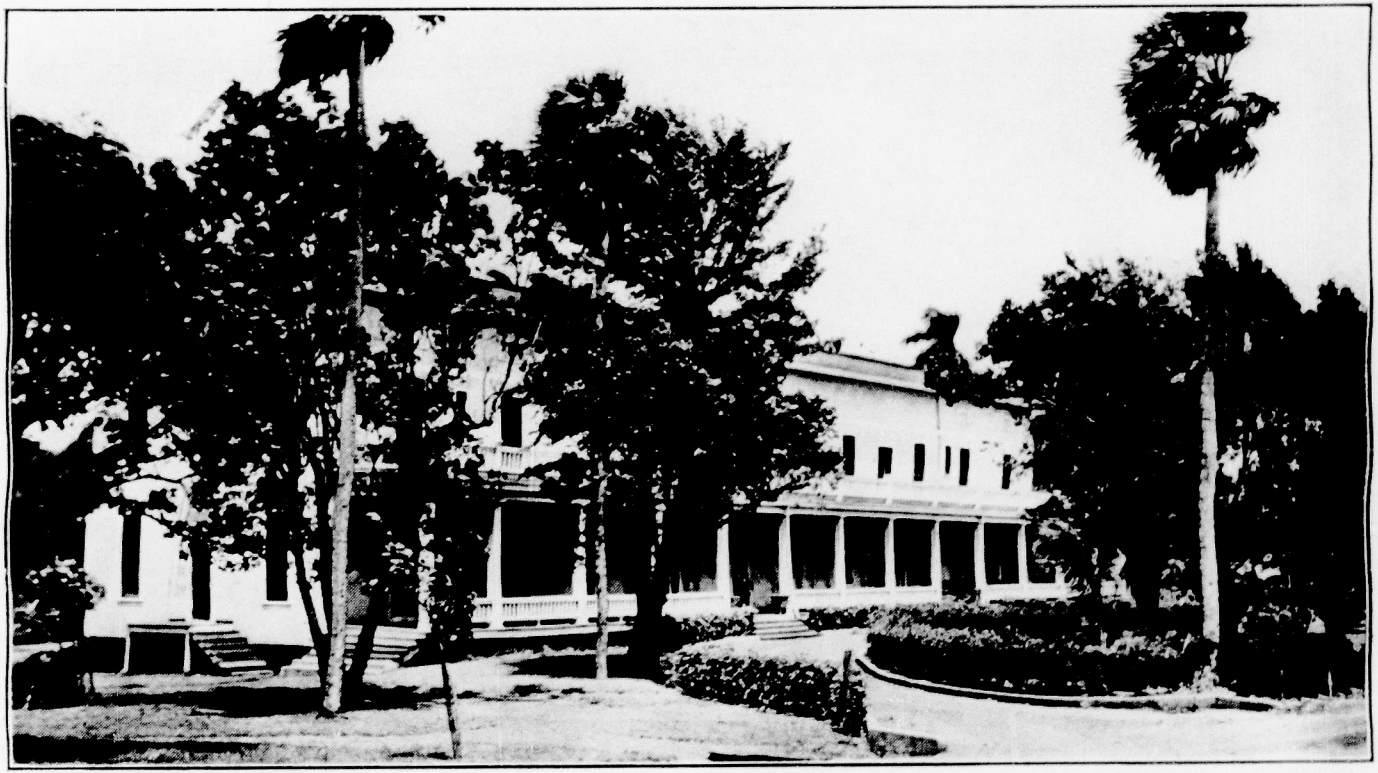
Area 795 Square Miles
REFERENCES
POST OFFICES
Nueva Gerona
Santa Fe'
Columbia
Los Indios
Santa Barbara
McKinley
CUSTOM HOUSES
Nueva Gerona
Jucaro
Los Indios
DISTANCES
Nueva Gerona to
Santa Fe' 11½ miles
Los Indios 25 "
Santa Barbara 13 "
McKinley 7½ "
Santa Ana 3½ "
San Francisco Hgts 7 "
Columbia 8½ "
Westport 18 "
Santa Fe' to
San Pedro 12 "
Jucaro 5 "
Roads
GULF OF MEXICO
FLORIDA
Miami
Key West
Havana
Matanzas
Batabano
C U B A
I.P.S.S.CO. LINE
FISHING
McKinley
Nueva Gerona
Santa Ana
Columbia
Jucaro
Westport
Santa Barbara
San Francisco Heights
Santa Fe'
La Cisterna
La Seiba
Los Indios
San Pedro
ENSENADA DE LA SIGUENEA
Route to Deep Sea Fishing 15 Miles
100 FATHOMS
DEEP SEA FISHING
SOUTH COAST
CARIBBEAN SEA
1000 FATHOMS

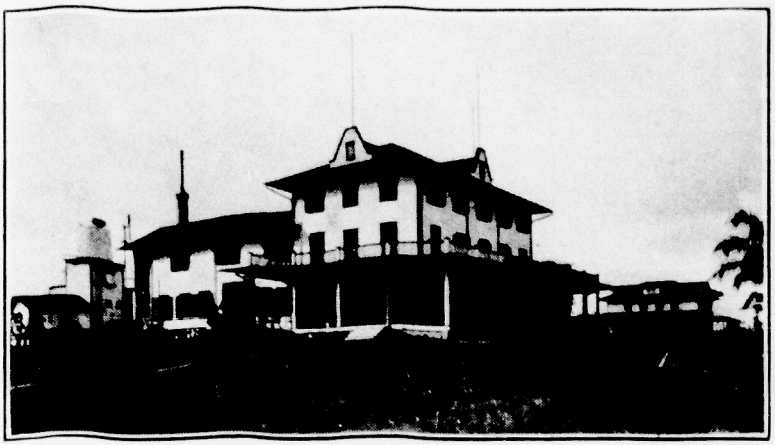


Santa Rita Hotel, Santa Fe

and the sea teem with finny beauties, and in the channels between the keys, the "big fellows" are trailed to their lairs. "Once a fisherman, always a liar," is the customary comment on most fish stories, but there is no need to exaggerate the size or number of your catch in these waters. Tarpon, barracuda, Spanish mackerel, gallegos are big enough and gamey enough to test the skill and satisfy the ambition of any fish-fan. This is Sport.

CITIZENSHIP

The Isle of Pines is essentially American, with enough Spanish architecture and customs to make it unusually interesting. The American residents of the island are a hospitable people and through their commercial and social organizations are banded together in guaranteeing proper and intelligent treatment of tourists.



Santa Barbara Inn, Santa Barbara

FREDERICK OPOLINSKY

328 WASHINGTON ST.

FOLIO No. 1480

New York, August 31st, 1921.

Sold for account of John S. Heap, Santa Barbara,

Isle of Pines.

S. S. Mexico

IMPORTANT—Always mail us an advice the same day you make shipment.

Rec'd.,

8/25/21 88 Boxes Grapefruit

Fancy	2 - 46s @ 8.00	16.00	Bright	1 - 46s	7.00	
	10 - 54s @ 7.50	75.00		9 - 54s - 64s	58.50	
	26 - 64s @ 7.00	182.00		4 - 70s - 80s	25.00	
	18 - 70s @ 6.75	121.50		1 - 96s	4.50	
	16 - 80s @ 6.50	104.00				598.50
	1 - 90s @ 5.00	5.00	Freight, Duty, Cartage		124.52	
			Commission		59.85	184.37
			Net Proceeds			414.13

Copy of Statement showing 88 crates early grapefruit net $414.13

Ex. S. S. MEXICO. NEW YORK, Dec.28,1921. 19

Sold for account of M CHAS.KIMPTON & SONS.

BY C. V. SMITH & CO.

IMPORTERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS

307 & 309 WASHINGTON STREET
COR. DUANE ST.

25	Crts. Ex.Fancy Peppers	6.00	150 00	
10	" Fancy "	5.75	57 50	
15	" " "	5.50	82 50	
12	" Choice "	4.50	54 00	344 00
62				
	Duty		38 54	
	Freight,		46 52	
	Cartage,		6 20	
	Commission,		27 52	118 88
	Net Proceeds,			225 12

62 Crates bring $225.12. Average yield per acre 250 crates

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No. 10412

W. J. & S. H. DAVENPORT

130 PARK PLACE
NEW YORK

HOWARD O. LENTE
JOSEPH E. REID

SOLD for account of THOMAS NURSE. Santa Barbara, Isle of Pines.

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DECEMBER	14	24 CR. PEPPERS	FANCY	10	7.50	75	00	
			RED	2	5.50	11	00	
			CHOICE	12	5.27	63	25	149 25
		Freight - DUTIES - CARTAGE - ETC.				31	77	
		Commission				14	93	46 70
		E. & O. E.			NET PROCEEDS			102 55

Winter vegetables bring high prices. 24 crates net $102.55

FREIGHT

How to Ship Freight and Household Goods to the Isle of Pines, West Indies.

To give a detailed explanation as to how to ship through the various ports would require too much space for this booklet. We therefore would suggest and request that before making shipment you write, (according to the port you wish to ship through) to the following:

WHEN THROUGH NEW YORK

to: Freight Forwarding Dept., Ward Line, Pier 14 East River, New York City

or Mr. J. W. Fisher, General Northern Freight Agent, United Fruit Co., 17 Battery Place, New York City.

WHEN THROUGH NEW ORLEANS

to: Mr. W. J. Bennett, General Southern Freight Agent, United Fruit Co., New Orleans, La.

or Southern Pacific Co., New Orleans, La.

or Ward Line, New Orleans, La.

WHEN THROUGH KEY WEST

to: Mr. F. W. Kirtland, St. Augustine, Fla.

or Mr. J. A. Clarke, Jr., 1823 Equitable Bldg., New York City

or Edward Ottsen, 1512 Arcade Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

or R. L. Brannen, Muelle del Arsenal, Havana, Cuba.

advising them of the nature of the proposed shipment, its approximate quantity and value, and ask them for full particulars as to how to ship goods to the Isle of Pines via Isle of Pines Steamship Company, which is the only all-year service to the Island. They will be glad to give you full particulars and instructions. Please bear in mind that goods can be shipped in bond direct to the Isle of Pines and can be cleared through the customs here without any difficulty and we are here to assist you.

ISLE OF PINES STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
Nueva Gerona, Isle of Pines, W. I.

SCHEDULE

ISLE OF PINES STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Operating between Havana and the ISLE OF PINES in connection with the United Railways of Havana, which is in force the greater part of the year, subject to change, however:

LEAVE BATABANO

On arrival of train leaving Havana at 6.10 P.M.
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays.
Arriving Isle of Pines about 7 the following morning.

LEAVE ISLE OF PINES

Nueva Gerona ..... 4 P. M.
Jucaro (Santa Fe) ..... 8 P. M.
Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays.
Arriving in Havana about 8.15 following morning.
Fare one way, between Isle of Pines and Havana $8.50
Berth in stateroom, $2.00. Dinner, $1.00.
Breakfast may be had "a la Carte".

REDUCED ROUND TRIP FARE

Good leaving Havana Fridays
Returning, leave Isle of Pines Sundays
Fare for round trip $12.00
Berth in stateroom and meals, as per above.
Fares subject to change without notice.

This makes a delightful week-end trip, or a side trip from Havana for tourists. It gives a rail ride of 38 miles across Cuba from Havana

to Batabano through beautiful tropical scenery in the heart of the sugar cane district of Cuba. It affords two nights' ride of 100 miles on a fine, well-equipped steamer on the placid Caribbean Sea which gives forth its balmy, soft, health-giving breezes. It allows two full days on the beautiful Isle of Pines where you can enjoy sight-seeing, sea and river bathing, also pure, soft thermo spring baths. You never will regret taking this trip. Try it.

Train lands you on the dock at Batabano, where you disembark and step aboard the steamer.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS
WRITE OR WIRE:

Wm. J. Mills, General Manager,
Nueva Gerona, Isle of Pines, W. I.

or W. T. Medley, Commercial Agent
United Railways of Havana,
Central Station,
Havana, Cuba.

or W. F. Paton, General Passenger Agent,
New York & Cuba Mail Steamship Co.
Foot of Wall St.,
New York, N. Y.

or W. B. Wheeler, General Passenger Agent,
United Fruit Company,
17 Battery Place,
New York, N. Y.

ISLE OF PINES STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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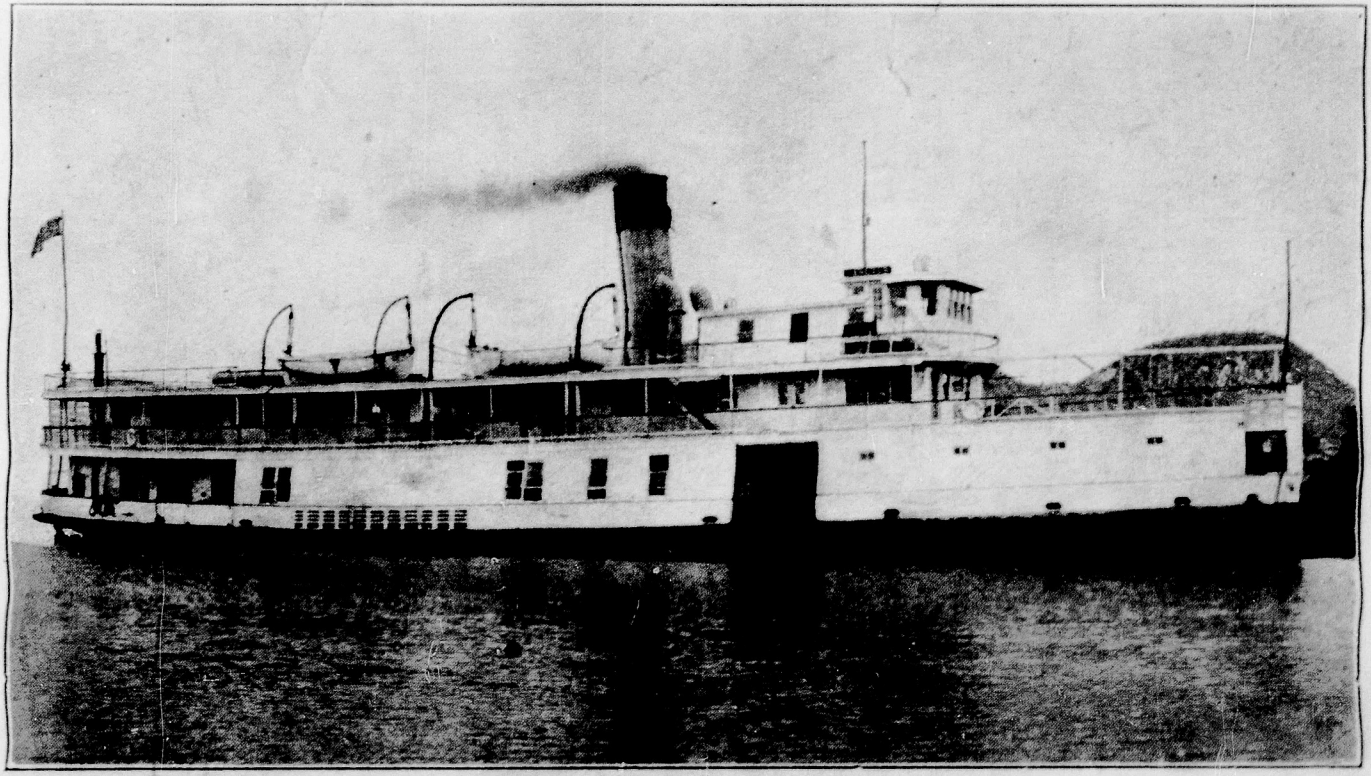

Steamship "Hanover"